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Dear General Smith:

For some time communications officials of the Department have been exploring the problem of establishing emergency communication facilities in the event that the Department's primary communications center in the New State Building should for any reason become inoperative.

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of this fact and on the assumption that your Agency is undoubtedly engaged in similar planning, I suggest that it may be desirable and expedient for representatives of CIA and the Department to exchange views with particular relation to possible emergency provisions in Washington.

Mr. William D. Wright, Director of the Office of Operating Facilities, has been designated as the person responsible for the Department's planning in this field. If you concur in the idea of exchanging views and possibly carrying out joint planning, I would appreciate your letting me know whom Mr. Wright should approach in your Agency on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

Lieutenant General Walter B. Smith,
Director of Central Intelligence,
Washington, D.C.

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